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1. GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND IS HOLDING A SEMINAR ON GSP FROM FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2. TWO US OFFICIALS, ONE A GSP POLICY OFFICIAL, THE OTHER A CUSTOMS EXPERT ON GSP WILL BE ATTENDING THIS SEMINAR. THEIR TRIP IS BEING FINANCED BY AID THAILAND, WHICH WOULD HOWEVER, PREFER TO SHARE THE COST WITH SEVERAL OTHER POSTS IF SIMILAR SEMINARS CAN BE ARRANGED IN OTHER COUNTRIES. AID BANGLADESH HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A SEMINAR UTILIZING THESE EXPERTS FOLLOWING THE BANGKOK STOP, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET MADE A DECISION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THEIR SHARE OF TRIP. IN VIEW OF LARGE INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN GSP, AND SEMINAR MENTIONED REFTEL, UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN OFFERING TO GOI THAT EXPERTS INCLUDE INDIAN ITINERARY. IN ABSENCE OF AID MISSION IN INDIA, PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO INQUIRE WHETHER EMBASSY FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIA PORTION OF TRIP. TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO BANGKOK AND EITHER NEW DELHI OR DACCA OR BOTH COMES TO ABOUT 3900 DOLLARS. THUS EMBASSY'S SHARE

WOULD BE ABOUT 1950 DOLLARS WITHOUT DACCA, AND 1300 DOLLARS WITH DACCA, PLUS PER DIEM FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS.

- 2. DATES OF SEMINAR REFTEL OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT AS WELL. MOST CONVIENENT TIME FOR EXPERTS TO VISIT INDIA WOULD APPEAR TOBE MARCH 7-10, FOLLOWING A STOP IN DACCA OR EARLIER IF DACCA PORTION NOT FEASIBLE.
- 3. REQUEST INDICATION OF WHETHER EMBASSY IS INTERESTED IN FUNDING VISIT BY GSP EXPERTS AND TIMING OF SEMINAR.

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